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The amendment filed October 6, 2003 has been considered non-responsive for the reasons set forth in the attached pages.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 10-6-03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant has failed to specifically point out the support in the original disclosure for each of the newly presented claim limitations, i.e. "foam tissue scaffold fixation component and foam tissue scaffold component support means and anchor means" (M.P.E.P. 714.02).

Furthermore, the listing of claims fails to comply with the revised amendment format. After each claim number, the status must be indicated in a parenthetical expression, and the text of each claim under examination (with markings to show current changes) must be presented. Note claim 8 lacks greek symbols.

Because of the procedure outlined in M.P.E.P. 2163.06 for interpreting the claims, it is noted that other art may be applicable under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103(a) once the aforementioned problem under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is corrected. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**


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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Matthews (Howie) whose telephone number is 703-305-0316. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10-6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine M. McDermott can be reached on 703-308-2111. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.


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